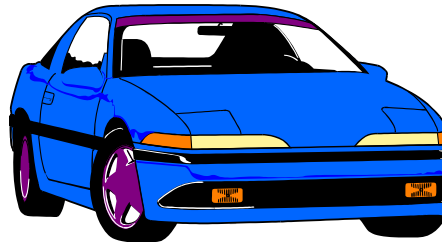


# ***USAG-B Winter Driving Orientation***

## ***USAG Baumholder Safety Office***



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***We are the Army's home***



# Instruction

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1. Please see the following slide presentation.
2. Fill out the sign-in-sheet legible in print letters.
3. The sign-in-sheet is signed by the supervisor.
4. The supervisor or his representative will take the sign-in-sheet, the OF Form 346 and the DA Form 348 to the Driver's Testing Station, which is located at the Hospital Kaserne, Bldg 8745.
5. The Driver's Testing Instructors will then stamp the form "Winter Orientation 11".
6. The supervisor will then return the OF 346 to its owner and keep the DA Form 348 for his records.
7. The same procedure will repeat next year.

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# Winterize your car

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**§ 2 article 3a of the German road traffic regulation (StVO) states the following:**

“A vehicles equipment must be adjusted to the weather condition. This includes adequate tires ( winter tires or all season tires) and antifreeze in the windshield wiper tank.”

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The German road traffic regulation (StVO) requires the following during inclement weather conditions:

**Adequate tires for the road condition (snow, ice, etc.)**

Definition: it does not mean that you must equip your vehicle with winter tires. A set of new summer tires or all season tires might be adequate. However, it depends on where you have to drive and on the present or forecasted weather condition. If your vehicle is not equipped with winter tires, and the road gets covered with snow and ice, **you have to park your vehicle** and use public transportation. If you do not and you cause a traffic jam or an accident due to inadequate tires (summer tires) you are liable and will be fined by the German police.



# Winter tires

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**When should you begin using winter tires?**

**Under the German road traffic regulation (StVO) , there is no set date; road and weather conditions dictate use.**

Many experienced motorists put winter tires on before the first snow and leave them on until early spring. It's easier than changing back and forth and avoids the possibility of being stuck without the right tread if the weather suddenly changes for the worse.

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## Road condition chart

Road Condition	Road Surface	Snow	Ice	Snow	Visibility Depth	Temperature
Green	Dry	(1) None (2) Blowing Powder	None	None	More than 50 meters	Above 35F (+2C)
Amber	Wet	*Packed *Slush	*Patches *Black ice *Slush	*Less than 4 inches	*Between 20 and 50 meters	30F (-1C) to 35F (+2C)
Red	*Flooded	*Drifting	*Sheet ice	*> 4"	*< 20 m	< 30F (-1C)
Black	*Heavily Flooding	*Heavy Drifting	*Extreme Sheet Ice	*> 8"	*< 15 m	< 10F (-12C)

\*When one or more of the road conditions marked with an asterisk are noted, the corresponding road condition status must be declared.



# Road condition standards

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**GREEN: Unrestricted vehicle dispatches are authorized.**  
**Road condition, visibility and temperature are ideal.**  
**Drivers will observe normal precautions and speed limits.**

Weather Forecast / Road Condition Information:

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**AMBER: Road condition, temperature and visibility are not ideal.**

**Unit commanders (CPT and above), directors and primary staff (S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4) will authorize dispatches under amber conditions.**

**Increased driving times, hazardous road conditions and driver experience will be considered in dispatching vehicles.**

A risk assessment will be completed prior to dispatching a vehicle!

A sample is attached to the USAG-B Inclement Road and Weather Conditions  
Standard Operating Procedures.





# Road condition standards

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**RED: Only emergency missions are authorized. The dispatch record for mission essential vehicles will be marked “mission and emergency-essential.”**

**Battalion level commanders, including Garrison commanders, will authorize dispatch of mission essential vehicles. Director of DPW, DOL, Chief B&G and Chief EP&S may approve mission-essential dispatches to provide emergency support for snow and ice removal.**

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# Road condition standards

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**BLACK: Only emergency – essential vehicle dispatches are authorized. The dispatch record for emergency vehicles (police, fire, ambulance and emergency engineer) will be marked “emergency-essential.”**

**Chiefs of appropriate offices (Provost Marshal, Fire, Medical activity and Directorate of Public Works) and Brigade level commanders, including Garrison commanders and above will authorize dispatch of emergency vehicles.**

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# Road condition standards

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## Note:

Drivers of military vehicles transitioning through USAG Installations, that have declared BLACK or RED conditions, should consult their chain of command and re-evaluate the risk of continuing the mission.

Weather and road conditions will be part of all mission risk management decisions.

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## Freisen hill L348 en route to Baumholder

### Hazards:

Impassible to most vehicles  
when roads are icy or snow  
covered.

### Precautions:

Use the Birkenfeld Exit and  
then follow the signs to Baumholder.

**Caution: Black Ice**



## Ringstrasse entering Artillery Gate

**DO NOT PASS ON BLIND CURVES**



# Local Driving Hazards

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**Be aware of deer  
when driving  
through forest  
areas!**

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# SUMMARY

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- Cold weather greatly affects the operating performance of your car.
- Winter weather presents unique hazards, i.e. snow, ice, black ice, etc....
- Drivers must always exercise extreme caution for safe winter driving.
- Prepare your vehicle for the winter!
- Don't put yourself under time pressure!
- Know your vehicle!
- Slow down!
- Increase following distance!

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# Risk assessment form

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Risk Assessment for NTVs at Road Condition (circle)		Amber	Red	Black
Risikoanalyse fuer Dienstfahrzeuge bei Road Condition (einkreisen)				
Name of Operator/Name des Fahrers:				
Departure/Fahrbeginn: Date/Datum _____, Time/Uhrzeit: _____				
Route/Fahrstrecke: From/Von _____, To/Nach _____				
Type of Vehicle/Fahrzeugtyp:				
Operator/Fahrer:				
At fault traffic accidents within the past 2 years/Eigenverschuldete Verkehrsunfaelle mit Dienstfahrzeugender innerhalb der letzten 2 Jahre?		Yes/Ja	10	
		No/Nein	0	
Licensed/Besitz der Fahrlaubniss		- 1 Year/Jahr	10	
		- 2 Years/Jahre	5	
		> 2 Years/2 Jahre	0	
Winter Driving Experience/Wintererfahrung		0 Winter	10	
		1 Winter	5	
		> 2 Winter	0	
Driving experience with this or similar vehicle/Gefahrenre Km mit diesem oder aehn. Fahrzeug		-3000 Km	10	
		-10000Km	5	
		>10000 Km	0	
Vehicle Information/Fahrzeug:				
Type of Tires/Reifenart		Summer/Sommer	10	
		All-Weather/Allwetter	5	
		Winter	0	
Type of Vehicle/Fahrzeugart		Truck/Bus/LKW/Bus	10	
		Pick-Up	5	
		Sedan/Van/PKW	0	
Type of Drive/Antriebsart		Rear/Heckantrieb	10	
		Front/Frontantrieb	5	
		4-WD/Allrad	0	
Anti-blocking system (ABS)/Anti-Blockier System		No/Nein	5	
		Yes/Ja	0	

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# Risk assessment form (cont.)

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<b>Route/Strecke</b>			
<b>Distance to Destination/Entfernung zum Zielort</b>		> 100 KM	10
		20 - 100 KM	5
		< 20 KM	0
<b>Weather Forecast/Wettervorhersage (COC 354-6213)</b>			
<b>Weather Trend/Wetterentwicklung</b>		<b>Worse/Verschlechterung</b>	10
		<b>Same/ keine Veraenderung</b>	5
		<b>Better/Verbesserung</b>	0
<b>Visibility/Sichtverhaeltnisse</b>		<b>Good/Gut (unbeeintraehtigt)</b>	0
		<b>restricted (night, fog, etc.)</b>	5
		Schlecht (dunkel, neblig, etc.)	
<b>Risk/Risiko</b>	<b>Result/Resultat:</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>low risk/geringes Risiko/ (0-25) medium risk/mittleres Risiko (30-50) high risk/hohes Risiko (&gt; 50)</b>			
<b>Operators under the influence of medicine, drugs, and/or alcohol must not operate a vehicle!</b>			
Fahrer die unter Drogen-, Medikamenten- oder Alkoholeinfluss stehen, duerfen kein Dienstfahrzeug fuehren!			
<b>Additional risk reduction measures.</b>			
Zusaetzliche Massnahmen um das Risiko zu minimieren.			
<b>Name and signature of supervisor/Name und Unterschrift des Vorgesetzten:</b>			
<b>The trip is mission/emergency essential and can not be postponed.</b>			
Die Fahrt ist dienstlich notwendig und kann nicht verschoben werden.			
<b>Risk accepted, driver will be dispatched.</b>			
Das Risiko wird akzeptiert, die Fahrt wird angeordnet. <b>Yes/Ja</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No/Nein</b> <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Name and signature of director/Name und Unterschrift des Abteilungsleiters:</b>			

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